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Community Celebrates Start of Work at La Jolla Fire Station

LA JOLLA -- Today Council President Scott Peters joined members of the La Jolla Sunrise Rotary for a ceremony marking the beginning of a community-generated and funded renovation project at Fire Station #13 in La Jolla.

The \$450,000 renovation project was inspired by a conversation between Council President Peters and La Jolla architect Trip Bennett, a member of the La Jolla Sunrise Rotary club. The club adopted the project in memory of fellow Rotarian Jack Walsh, whose family was saved from a catastrophic house fire by the men and women of Fire Station 13.

Peters commended Bennett and the Sunrise Rotary club for their leadership. "This is a great example of the good things that can happen when community members step forward to lend a hand," Peters said. "The success of this project is due to the vision of Trip Bennett and the generosity of our community donors and volunteers."

This is the first public safety project in the First Council District funded as a result of a partnership between the City and a community organization.

Renovations will include creating separate living spaces for men and women, ADA upgrades to the restrooms and other facilities, and the creation of separate work and living space within the station. The crew of Fire Station 13 will donate volunteer labor to the project.

Residents wishing to contribute to the project are still able; an additional \$50,000 is required to fully complete all planned renovations.

For more information on the La Jolla Sunrise Rotary Fire Station #13 renovation project or to make a donation, visit their website <http://www.fs13androtary.com/>

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